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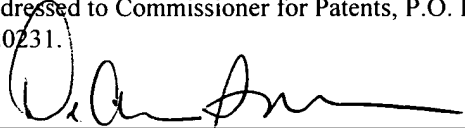
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is an amendment and response to the Office Communication mailed from the Patent Office on June 4, 2003 (Paper No. 12). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Amendments to the specification are shown on page 2 of this amendment and response. For the convenience of the Examiner, the pending claims are also presented below. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: